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Guest Editorial

Who 'owns' the Kingdom of the Outlands? As I've mulled over this topic, I have had various different thoughts about ownership of our Kingdom. It has come to be evident that the difficulty is in the definition of ownership. For the purpose of this essay, I will use two definitions; first that of personal enjoyment , and second that of influence. Within the enjoyment definition, anybody who has fun while calling themselves part of the Kingdom, has ownership. Anybody can display the Kingdom Arms, participate in events, or pay membership dues. The gentle who feels no need to go beyond their first T-tunic, who sees no need to develop armor more complicated than carpet and duct tape, whose feast gear is a wooden hubcap and a mug, that gentle shares as much ownership through enjoyment as could a triple peer. However, this gentle is not participating in the Kingdom as fully as is possible. Their contribution to the shared experience that defines our Kingdom is very minimal, and their enjoyment is totally self-centered.

At the same time there could be the individual who spends endless hours developing their artistic efforts, who volunteers and helps with every possible endeavor, and who is always teaching themselves and others. If this individual is geographically isolated or financially prevented from attending many events, their contribution to the shared experience of the Kingdom is nearly as minimal as that of the proceeding individual. Their ownership of the Kingdom (by the enjoyment definition) is actually more limited than that of the exuberant do-nothing person, because they are likely to know and regret what they are missing. But their capacity for ownership is actually identical.

The other type of ownership defined for this essay is exercised by the Crown, and by those who are close to the Crown. Only the Crown can bestow awards, and only through the Crown can a law, award, charter, or royal whim occur. The Crown makes their decisions based upon their own knowledge and desires, and by listening to those whose influence the Crown determines as worthy. By this narrow definition we could say that only the Crown and those who have the ear of the Crown 'own' the Kingdom. By the very nature of the SCA, only the Crown can have this particular type of ownership, and because of human nature the Crown will pay more attention to those they know either personally or by reputation.

In the Outlands we have been blessed by Sovereigns who are willing and interested in listening to the will of the populace. Many of our Sovereigns have made concerted efforts to be unbiased, to note worth wherever found, and to not be unduly influenced by any cliques or political factors. However, we must note that proximity to the personage of the Sovereigns is an important factor in influence. Nobody can listen to somebody they never meet, so ownership by this definition is limited to those whom are known to the Crown. The person of our Sovereign will naturally know those who participate in their home group, and next will be more likely to know those gentles who are doing things, those who are active and travel, and those who hold offices and host events. We can do nothing about living close to a Crown, but each of us can take more ownership by being as active as is within our capacity.

We are each responsible for our own level of enjoyment, and we are each capable of influencing the Crown. Our limitations are usually self-imposed, and I have found that my fellow members of the Kingdom are always willing to help me exceed my limitations.

Lord Aelfraed Hawkmoon, Plattefordeham

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Caerthan Connections

from Lady Arwen
Southernwood

April was a busy month for the Barony of Caerthe, for we played host to the entire Known World! The Known World Arts & Sciences Symposium was held April 18-19. Teachers and eager learners came from many different kingdoms, and a good time was had by all. Her Majesty AnneAliz graced us with her presence, and many, many well-deserved awards were given during Her Court, including Mistress Francesca di Pavia's Laurel. (For those of you who missed it, her gown was absolutely gorgeous!) The feast was also most excellent, despite the fact that a few of the chickens seem to have flown the coop!

One of the other things that was to have happened during court that evening was the installment of a new seneschal. THL Roland O'Rourke was to have stepped down, following more than two years of service in that office, and Lady Stasia MacBraidaigh was to have stepped up. However, Lady Stasia and her lord, Lord Ivan MacOrin, were otherwise occupied then, for the Barony's newest member, McKenna Grace, had been born to them just two days before. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 9 oz, and was 19 inches long. Congratulations to Lady Stasia and Lord Ivan!

But not to worry, Lady Stasia was feeling up to the task of taking over the reigns of the Barony just two weeks later, at the Caerthen Visual/Functional and Fiber Arts Collegium and Competition. At that time, Lady Richenda Letalier also turned over the office of Herald to Lady Kseniya Mikhailovna Morskaya. Huzzah to both incoming and outgoing officers!

Many impressive and beautifully made items relating to the Visual and Functional Arts, as well as the Fiber Arts, were entered in the competitions during the day. Scrolls, shoes, belts, and clothing were just a few of the items entered. Lady Taryn Brannick was the overall winner and is now the Baronial Champion in both Visual/Functional and Fiber Arts.

Also at that event, Mistress Mirianna Wrenne and Lord Robert Marchet were admitted to the Order of the Aspen, for their service to the Barony, and THL Maredudd Angharad ferch Gwenhyfar was admitted to the Order of the Gilded Leaf, for excellence in the Arts and Sciences. Huzzah to all!

Meanwhile, I am off to plan a picnic for the upcoming Cavalier Holiday, and so I must leave you now!

Unser Hafen Undertakings

from Lord Owain ap Maredudd

Things have been getting busier as people are getting ready for the summer tournament season. Several people from Unser Hafen entered the Queen's Champion tournament and Lord Coannan did very well in it.

The regional fighter practice held at the end of April was very well attended by various groups around the northern area. May's looks even more promising as word is getting out about it. Gwillim's BBQ was probably the best part of that fighter practice. For the May practice, Caerthe will be raiding Unser Hafen. If you're free Sunday afternoons, come up to Unser Hafen and play.

Syr Deoterich became a double peer when he received his Pelican at Coronation. Coronation was also when a couple Laurels took new students. Mistress Rosalind took Lady Morgana as a student and Master Rhys took Gwillim as a student.

Lady Catriona received her doctorate from CSU. Lord Theo graduated with a degree in psychology. There were probably more than that, but that's all the ones I am familiar with at this time.

Lord Mark and Lady Graine arranged a silent Auction at at Brigands to raise money for the OH. Lady Graine was also made a member of the Builders of the Portcullis. They are moving to Atlantia next week and will be missed.

Mistress Theresa moved sewing circle to Tuesday nights as she wants to take a dance class on Thursdays. Sewing Circle was canceled through the month of April as her son was getting married on the 18th of April. Also married this month were Baron Kevin and his Lady Rosslin, as were Iona and Richard. We wish them the best.

Dragonsspine Doings

from Mistress Elaina

It's been a busy two months in Dragonsspine. In April, Baron Maelmarden announced his intention to step down as Baron of Dragonsspine, and King Cameron and Queen AnneAliz quickly arranged for a polling of the populace. Their Majesties announced at their last court in Duthaich Beinne Aird on the 8th of May that Master Giovanni and Lady Cainleach will be installed as the new baron and baroness at the Dragonsspine Baronial Champions Tourney on June 6th.

Visting Dragonsspine during this baronial furor was Viscount Sir Edward of Southhaven from the Province of the Golden Rivers in the Western principality of Cynagua. Sir Edward attended the Feast of Fools and professed himself very pleased with the feast, the foolishness, and the kind attentions of a number of young ladies. He asked to be especially remembered to Lady Diana and to Eleanor who made him sigh for the good old days of his insufficiently misspent youth. He was rather flustered, however, when, on being introduced to Sir Haroun, that gentleman immediately threw him to the ground in a wrestling hold. "I'd heard about Outlandish knights, " Sir Edward commented, "But I never realized how true it really was!"

On another front, the Dragonsspine Chapter of the Outlands Kingdom Court Dance Guild met Wednesday, May 13th, 1998 at Gaylord Hall on the Colorado College campus to celebrate the last dance practice of the year with a graduation dance. Participants wore garb, and the dance marshal (Mistress Elaina) ran the list table keeping careful track of who danced which set in order to qualify for each of the three dance forms (Bransles, English Country Dance, and Basse Dance) on the new Dragonsspine Dance Authorization cards. Attendance was about the same for this graduation dance as for most weekly dance practices, and at the end of the evening thirty-seven Dance

Authorization Cards were issued among the forty-seven dancers and five young children attending. The Dance Authorization Cards issued by the Dragonsspine chapter of the guild are neon orange to differentiate them from the hot pink Dance Authorization Cards, including nine dance forms, issued by the Caerthan chapter.

This dance marked the finale of seven consecutive years of weekly dance practice in the Barony of Dragonsspine. Over 280 regular meetings have been held since Dragonsspine Dance Practice began in October of 1991 led by Master Kay Delafleur with the able assistance over the years of assistant dance instructors Lord Alwyn of Kittisford and Lady Cetharyne de Montrey, dance organizer Mistress Elaina de Sinistre, and the seneschals and officers of the College of Tygre's Keep. Of the fifty-two people attending this culminating dance session, fourteen have been attending continuously since 1991 - Master Kay (shown left, signing Dance Authorization Cards), Mistress Elaina, Lord James Qui Connait, Lady Ilana Amante, Lady Diana of the Tulips, Sharon of the Roses (shown above, dancing with Lord Martine), Kateri NakedToes, Seamus O'Mourne, Lady Branwyn ni Caelligh, Lord Reginald of the Fells, Lord Alwyn of Kittisford, THL Tatiana Pavlovna Sokolova, THL Melissa of Winged Hills, and Basil ho Bibliophilios.

Caer Galen Does Outlandish

from Countess Berengaria

The Shire of Caer Galen made a magnificent, if somnolent presence at the Silver Anniversary Grand Outlandish, held in the Barony of al-Barran near scenic Estancia, NM over Memorial Day weekend. A number of Caer Galenites distinguished themselves during the four-day weekend event, blessed by remarkably nice weather: Lord Shimshon retired honorably as the Lord of Outlandish (*SIGH*) and turned over his leather scorpion coronet to the victor of the tournament, the Honorable Lord Martino-Michelle de Veneri, after favoring the crowd with the "Lord of Outlandish Song", his own composition filked to the tune of "Man of La Mancha".

Sir Nasr ibn Auda was the victor, defending his title as the Knight Banneret of al-Barran, in a spectacular lance tourney following the Lord of Outlandish tournament. Sir Jalut Gaston de Navarre also led a lance, and a number of local fighters such as Countess Eleanor, Lord Shimshon, and Gino were among the participants in a very exciting and well-fought event.

The afternoon saw a most entertaining "Boar Hunt" in the woods-five man teams, consisting of one nobleman with a spear, a woodsman with an axe, and three "dogs" with single sword. They were hunting noble beasts of the forest: King Hrothgar playing, naturally, the stag with sword and shield; Duke Johann and Jarl Vagn playing wolves, with sword and shield; and several "boars", including Sir Nasr and the Honorable Lord Martino. Once the lay-on was called, the animals were only allowed to make appropriate noises; and the sight of several of the worthy fighters earnestly trying to convince their team to follow them by barking insistently was a sight worth seeing.

Saturday evening saw Maestra Francesca serving up the annual Outlandish chocolate fondue party in honor of Mistress Brianna's bachelor party-her last free Saturday night. Lady Cara was among us and favored us with a performance of her new song, a ditty honoring the late, great Tygre Shark and its wreck on the way to Pennsic. Sung to the tune of "Barrett's Privateers", the song sported the chorus: "I was told we'd cruise Pennsic for treasure and gold, we'd fight and drink till our kidneys failed..." It was especially grand that Lady Cara could join us because she'd spent the greater part of the day in the emergency room in al-Barran following a most unfortunate early morning encounter with a black widow spider in the privies. And you thought it was just a song....

On Sunday many of our fencers participated in the "laundry list" and the de Grassi tournament run by Dona Ainrea McCullough. They acquitted themselves with great valor, and looked even better. Those who were not fencing were participating in an equally honorable, but newer Outlandish sport: Power Lounging. Thanks to the acquisition of some surplus cots from Duke Koris (part of the Quest for Bedding), the Caer Galen team was demonstrating its fine form in power lounging for the greater part of Sunday afternoon. His Grace indicated that we would have his support in representing the Outlands in the InterKingdom Power Lounging Challenge. Herr Klaus, Don Genevieve, Don Gerard and Mistress Brianna show great promise in forming the solid backbone of the team.

Sadly, the trip of the group was marred by two unfortunate incidents with cars: Master Maximilian was unable to join us until late Sunday afternoon because of a timing belt incident; and more seriously, Selena and Mistress Brianna were involved in an auto accident leaving the bachelor party Part II, outing to 10,000 Waves in Drygestan. Selena suffered a severely injured foot and Mistress Brianna was treated for whiplash, but they were able to return to Caer Galen that night. Our thanks to The Honorable Lord Iannan the Contentious of the Shire of Drygestan for coming to their rescue at the emergency room.

In news around the shire: fighter practice is moving to its summer location and time, Scott Carpenter Park in Boulder at 30th and Arapahoe on Wednesday nights. Both heavy and rapier fighters come out, there's often needlework in progress, and occasionally a group of drummers will show up. There's even sometimes a nearby volleyball game to join in on.

Maistre Louis-Philippe de Mitouard stepped up as the new seneschal of the Shire of Caer Galen at May Coronation. We look forward to a tenure filled with needle wit and high fashion.

See your name in print!

THE NORD would like to know what **your** group has been doing during the past month! Send us a report of your barony or shire or college's activities. Share the dream!

A Review of the Knowne World Arts and Sciences Symposium

by Lady Mavis

Five gentles from the Shire of Plattefordham attended Known world Arts and Sciences Symposium. It is the first event of this kind I've ever attended. Red Rocks Community College was an ideal setting for it, not only for the obvious reasons—classroom arrangements, snack bar etc., but because the college is a handsome, people-friendly, facility. The comfortable seating area, for example, added a great deal to our comfort and socializing.

There was a good selection of classes. I focused on the classes having to do with performance. Lord Valentine Baylye in Shakespearean dress (see photo) is a sight to see for sure. I enjoyed Lady Cealte's class on not making an "ash" of yourself around the Bardic fire. My only real suggestion for such classes is that they be long enough for attendees to do some hands on participation. It seems it would be an excellent way for people to get some feedback on their performances.

The one class outside the performance group that I attended as the discussion of knit and crochet. The instructor apologized for not being well organized by explaining that she had just moved. That aspect of the presentation didn't concern me, but I was disappointed in not really learning much about the historicity of either craft that I didn't already know. I did come away, however with the neatest picture of a "Knitting Madonna" a period painting of a "Madonna" very clearly knitting a tunic-type garment in garter stitch!

I think that such an event must have been a real challenge for Caerthe to put on and it is my understanding that they did it all by themselves except for feast help. I wonder if it wouldn't make putting on such an affair easier if more people did the work?

> "Can you imagine how frustrating it is to have your one piece of really good garb be for someone of the opposite gender?"
>
> Valentine Baylye

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo Demo

by Lady Regan

The Barony of Unser Hafen and the Barony of Caerthe joined forces on April 3-5th of this year to put on a spectacular demonstration at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, held at the Denver Coliseum.

Members of the Equestrian Guild of Unser Hafen performed a riding demonstration, showcasing a wide array of mounted martial events, as well as having some fun, too. Each rider performed an individualized series representing a time and place to a soundtrack of music. Two challenges were staged with Baron Titus heralding each feat performed. Rattan fighters attracted attention with some single fights and a melee battle.

We also had a booth in the display hall, which featured lovely scrolls, costumes, banners, videos and armour (human and a piece of equine) on display. Many gentles spent the day speaking to large numbers of guests at the booth. The biggest hit with the kids was the chain mail shirt! Other gentles wandered the grounds and attracted attention with their costumes. The organizers were

Scathing on Thin Ice

Greetings and Salutations from the poison pen of Randal The Malcontent.

I had the opportunity to participate at **Feast Of Fools** this past Saturday (April 4) and thought to make a report. The day was sunny and cool, perfect weather for fighting. The gracious and talented Lady Diana ran the light weapons list wherein I participated. (There was Heavy fighting also, but I know too little about their activities to comment.)

The first round involved use of silly, off-hand secondaries and my personal and long time friend, Kermit The Frog, graciously consented to cast his little green body "into harm's way" as we euphemistically like to call it. My opponent, Roger de Sangremano foolishly ran my companion through, inciting the crowd to heckle him with comments like "Kermit Killer" and "Frog Sticker". From here the event descended into anarchy. We fought a round dancing to drum music. We fought in pairs, tied together at the knee. We fought WWF tag team (since we were already wearing tights and masks, this seemed quite natural). I'd reveal more but there may be children present.

Some Highlights and lowlights: Members of the Morning Glory defended themselves with copies of the Blue Company Bible, leaving BC fighters the choice of defacing their own work or dying an ignoble death. Lord Volker racked up nine impressive deaths and was very popular with the judges (he bribed them with ice cream). Lady Natalia practically cut her opponent's head off in the Gypsy Dagger round. Auguste charmed the judges with a German Shepherd.

Later that evening we were treated to a wonderful feast by Lord Timothy. The guests were boisterous and appreciative. This was followed by a pun contest to select a King and Queen of Misrule. Sadly, my digestion demanded that I not attend (it was a lovely meal but I really didn't want to see it twice).

Tygre's Keep (Lady Edana in particular) is to be commended for holding a marvelous event. Although I'm new-ish to the Society, and from Caerthe, I was warmly received and treated with kindness and courtesy. I hope to visit again soon.

Your Obedient Servant,

Rt M

What makes the Outlands so special?

I attended a concert a few weeks ago, in a turn of the century hall with a baroque interior. The artist performed her own music, a blend of Celtic and Arabic airs. As I sat in the hall, listening to the music, and watching her perform, my mind was taken back to my times in the Outlands. As I sat looking at the stage, where an iron archway suspending a single lamp illuminated the woman in a flowing dress--memories long dormant flooded into my mind. Hearing the wailing song and pulsing of the drums I could smell the campfires of Grand Outlandishes past. Nearly taste the acrid air and the feel dust clinging to my face after a long day. I looked about, half expecting to see Master Silvanus and Sir Daveed readying themselves to take the stage.

In my travels I have vainly attempted to explain the Outlands to those I meet. I'll describe various people and places "We have wonderful Middle Eastern costumes." They reply that they too have those who wear Middle Eastern garb. "We have people that love Celtic arts and clothing." I tell them. And they point out countless numbers of kilt clad lords. "We have drumming." I tell them, and out they trot some band of would be musicians with doumbeks.

I find it hard to describe the Outlands. Caught up in details of description, I often fail to communicate what is most important. The elements creating the Outlands may not be unique, there are echoes and reflections throughout the Society. Describing it as it appears, or looks, or sounds all fail to communicate what is most important--how it feels. There is nothing to match a night on the desert at Grand Outlandish. Drums echo through the night air. Dancers twirl and spin near a blazing fire. The crowd gathers, to watch, to listen, to feel, to simply BE.

That's what makes the Outlands - the people--shaped by clime and place. Stretched across the Front Range, from the Citadel of the Southern Pass to Northwolde, they are a peopleformed of a melange of disparate types and blended into their own unique body. Words fail to capture the glamour and heart of the Outlands. In the end, I can only offer this to the people I meet whether they are in the blazing sands of Calafia, or the misty shores of Madrona. "Until you have spent a night under the desert stars, you cannot know the Outlands." And they smile, and nod, and regard me as a foreigner. In that they are right. "My heart is in the Outlands, and will be evermore."

(Valentine Michael wrote this article on the eve of what, he hopes, will be a final homecoming.)

How Far is Far?

from Countess Berengaria de Montfort

Recently I asked a number of people on-line (e-mail addresses collected from a couple of random lists lying about) the following questions (here presented with selected answers).

1. How far are you willing to drive for an average weekend event?

Guillaume, Caerthe - "About 250-300 miles (4 hours or so each way)."

Axel and Catelin, Aarquelle - "From Pueblo to Albuquerque or as far to the North."

Liadain and Seumas, Northwolde - "About 6 hours (less is definitely better!)."

Caelainn - 2-3 hours (or 200ish miles). I am willing to drive further for overnight or long weekend events, 5 hours or so. In general, if the event duration is shorter than the drive, it is too far to travel. I make exceptions to this little rule, but so far only for Kingdom events.

Aildhicinna - About 3 hours (about the distance from Greeley to Colorado Springs) if I'm in my own car, which is lousy on gas milage. Further if I can get a ride with someone else.

2. Does the availability of camping affect your decision to attend or avoid an event?

Shiro, Schola Metallorum - "Camping influences my decisions greatly, being in the tight monetary situation that many are, I feel that camping offers me a chance to have an enjoyable weekend without all the expenses of hotels, meals, etc. It also lets you stay in persona much easier."

Guillaume, Caerthe - "This used to be very important, but now hotel/crash space is more important to me (us). Perhaps if there were more camping events, we would get back into the routine."

Liadain and Seumas, Northwolde - "Yes - generally can't afford a hotel/motel."

Weltschin, Duthaich Beinne Aird - "Camping makes a big difference. It is a lot cheaper to camp than to try and find a hotel. If I happen to know somebody in the group then maybe crash space is good."

Caelainn - I enjoy both camping and non-camping events. If the event is not designed with camping in mind (like a Queen's Prize or similar event), I do not even consider the option of camping as an alternative to staying in a motel or other indoor crash space. On the other hand, I am willing to drive a longer distance to attend a multi-day camping event.

Aildhicinna - Not so much the availability of camping as the type of camping - I admit I like creature comforts like water at the site - and relative lack of bugs is a definite plus.

3. What is *THE* single biggest thing that will draw you to an event? [Please, one answer only-I know it's tough!]

Shiro, Schola Metallorum - "For me the single biggest draw at the present time is the combat. If it weren't for combat I wouldn't be at nearly any events. Combat allows us simpletons with no bardic, merchanting, or other useful skills to enjoy the modern middle ages. This is my favorite thing."

Weltschin, Duthaich Beinne Aird - "The location of the event. I have a lot of friends scattered around the Kingdom that I like to see, and I am willing to drive even farther if it means several of us can make it for the weekend."

Tatiana, Schola Metallorum - "Aside from someone getting some sort of award, definitely the promise of good fightings!"

Arwen, Caerthe - "...if it sounds like there will be something fun for both of us to do. Guillaume is really into fencing, and I'm more of an A&S type, so an event that offers something for both of us is a good thing."

Caelainn: The opportunity to explore history with friends and learn something. What draws me to an event is not necessarily anything the event itself is doing (although some "themes" interest me more than others), but rather the desire from within to gather with others of like mind to relax, talk, share, and learn.

Aildhicinna - Well, much as I'd like to say it's the promise of good food or neat people, I'm afraid the absolute biggest factor is responsibility, if someone needs trolls, dance teachers, etc. and asks me to help, I will most likely go if I can.

Got a different opinion? Comments to add? Write and let us know!!! Send your responses to us at:

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The Principality Process

by Countess Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne, OP

In light of a recent spate of questions, confusion, and erroneous information in various discussions on what it takes to be a principality, this article is presented as a report on the search for clarification of some of the common statements bandied about regarding the process of going from inchoate region to principality.

It is important to note that it is a **process**, not a checklist of requirements. No region can suddenly one day decide, "Hey, we want to be a principality right now" and have it happen overnight. The creation of a principality, with its subsequent creation of vassal royalty, royal peerages, new offices and awards is a major enterprise, not to be undertaken lightly; not only the fulfillment of written requirements, but the establishment of a history must occur.

First of all, here are the relevant sections of Corpora describing the criteria for both kingdom and principality. The first are included because a common question is, "Why can't a group just become a kingdom if there are enough people? Why do they have to be a principality first?"

"V. **BRANCHES**

A. **DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.** This section defines the standard categories of branches within the Society. The minimum requirements, including population levels, are just that: minimums. The Society encourages groups to develop well beyond the required levels before petitioning for a change in status, to assure the stability and permanence of the branch if the petition is granted.

1. **Kingdoms.** A kingdom is a sovereign entity within the Society which has the right to select a ruling King and Queen by combat. A branch or contiguous group of branches may petition for kingdom status if the resulting entity would fulfill the requirements listed below.

a. At least 400 subscribing members.

b. A full staff of prospective Great Officers, each of whom is acceptable to the Corporate Officer responsible for the direction of that aspect of Society activity.

c. A name and device registered with the College of Arms.

d. Consensus favoring advancement in branch status, among the members in the proposed kingdom.

e. A record of well-attended events together with regular study or guild meetings, demonstrations, and other educational activities for the benefit of the members and the community at large.

f. Sufficient members of the orders conferring Patents of Arms to advise the Crown upon the admission of candidates to those orders.

g. Sufficient fighters of such caliber as to invest the competition for the Crown with the dignity and value it merits.

h. A body of kingdom law which provides for the maintenance and succession of the Crown; for the definition and advancement of local branches; for the appointment and removal of territorial Barons and Baronesses; for the conduct of such courts as may be required for the maintenance of the realm; and for such other matters as are found necessary. Draft laws, in the form they will be presented to the victors of the first Crown Lists, must accompany a petition for kingdom status. (See Governing and Policy Decision #3.)

i. A newsletter with quality and stability suitable for conversion to a corporate publication of the Society.

2. **Principalities.** A principality is a part of a kingdom which has the right to select a reigning Prince and Princess by combat. A branch or contiguous group of branches within a kingdom may petition for principality status if the resulting entity would fulfill the requirements listed below.

a. At least 100 subscribing members.

b. A full staff of prospective Great Officers, each of whom is acceptable to the kingdom officer responsible for the direction of that aspect of Society activity, and such other officers as kingdom law and custom may require.

c. A name and device registered with the College of Arms.

d. Consensus favoring advancement in branch status,

among the members in the proposed principality.

e. A record of well-attended events together with regular study or guild meetings, demonstrations, and other educational activities for the benefit of the members and the community at large.

f. Sufficient members of the orders conferring Patents of Arms to foster the development of those orders and the skills they represent within the principality.

g. Sufficient fighters of such caliber as to provide appropriate competition for the Coronet.

h. A body of principality law which provides for the maintenance and succession of the Coronet, and for any other matters delegated or permitted by the parent kingdom. Draft laws, in the form they will be presented to the victors of the first Coronet Lists, must accompany a petition for principality status."

[Above text quoted from the *Organizational Handbook* on the `www.sca.org` website]

A big part of the evaluation process for a status advancement petition has to do with process and history, not just numbers. The status advancement process has evolved to something like this: a period of time spent as a "region", an informal status that a number of groups band together as while they work on meeting the requirements listed above. Next, a time spent as a Crown Principality: a Crown Principality is a principality but with the King and Queen also as the Prince and Princess. This status usually occurs upon the approval of a petition by the kingdom, and when the region has travelled some way down the road, having a name selected and approved by a majority of the populace, some regional events, a newsletter, etc. At last, a final petition is submitted to the Board of Directors for principality status, and if approved, the first coronet tourney is held. The King and Queen then attend the first investiture, invest and receive the fealty of the first Prince and Princess, and enact what privileges and duties they will assign and allow to the Coronet.

When mention is made of "a record of well-attended events together with...[all the other activities required}", obviously the proposed geographic area must function together as some sort of formally constituted region for the time that that history is evaluated.

I would also encourage the reader to consider carefully the numbers that are given as requirements for the two different group statuses, and to consider that the Board likes to see a healthy surplus of memberships over that number in order to guarantee the desired group stability (officer pool, entrants to Coronet or Crown lists, etc.). As of year end 1997, the Outlands north of Raton Pass (less Rio de las Animas) had about 170 paid sustaining members on the Registry report. (I counted a total of 299 paid members when one included family and associate members; but those numbers do not count for purposes of what is required here in Corpora.)

Something that is not immediately apparent from Corpora is that there is an additional factor in the requirements to evolve from a barony to a principality. On paper, it looks as if the question is merely one of numbers-number of paid members, number of fighters to enter the lists, number of peers. However, a principality is *by definition* an aggregate of several groups; for clarification, I queried the Society Seneschale, Mistress Eilis O'Boirne, and received this answer:

> "Yes, a Principality must have more than one group. In fact, a successful Principality should have several[...]. However, the Bay Area (one urban area, if not exactly one city) makes a successful Principality. And there are three Baronies (and several smaller groups) in the Metro-Phoenix area, and a handful in the Washington DC area. So you could have a Principality in (or primarily in) one urban area — if that area had several healthy and established SCA groups. This would be especially true if it was aimed at being a more-or-less permanent Principality." (Mistress Eilis O'Boirne, May 14, 1998)

As Mistress Eilis points out, the Principality of the Mists in the West Kingdom is one entire large metropolitan area... but it's huge geographically, even larger in the artificial terms of travel time with choked freeways and serious rush hours. There are many cities included in "the Bay Area", including three cities with major airports: San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland. There have long been a number of discrete groups in what is known cumulatively as "the Bay Area".

I also asked Mistress Eilis about the persistent statement that no principalities will be made that will not eventually become kingdoms. It seems that this is a slight re-interpretation of the following:

"No "donut" principalities where non-principality

groups are "stuck inside" a principality and isolated from the rest of the Kingdom. (This would also include isolating a chunk along a kingdom edge.)

No really stupid divisions based on personalities rather than geography. I guess that could be stated as "No gerrymandering".

Other than that...

There is no rule about all principalities being able to one day be a kingdom."
(Mistress Eilis O'Boirne, April 15, 1998)

One final note: it is important to realize that when someone says "principality", they are not saying "kingdom", or at least they shouldn't be confusing the two. A principality is a vassal state, subject to its feudal overlord, the Crown. The Coronet's powers rest on the will of the Crown. A principality is still a vital and integral part of its parent Kingdom.

Non-Royal Peers of The Northern Outlands

(as of 4-6-98) from the on-line Order of Precedance

Order Of Chivalry {23}

Albert von Dreckenveldt (Dragonsspine) KSCA (MIDDLE); May 18, 1974
Nicholas Simon deKane (Caerthe) KSCA (ATENVELDT); December 17, 1977
Constantine Peradan (Caerthe) KSCA (ATENVELDT); June 20, 1981
Douglas MacAndrew (Caerthe) KSCA (ATENVELDT); November 21, 1981
James Arthursson (Caerthe) KSCA (ATENVELDT); August 22, 1982
Olaf Bjornson (Bofharrach) KSCA (ATENVELDT); November 21, 1982
Oudon av Halogaland (Caerthe) MSCA (ATENVELDT); April 9, 1983
Alaric Dimitrievich Razvedchikov (Dragonsspine) KSCA (ATENVELDT); April 28, 1984
Verron Wolfgang von Groth (Caerthe) KSCA (TRIMARIS); May 25, 1985
Hagen Silverskull (Caerthe) KSCA (OUTLANDS); November 1, 1986
Thorvald Valdkrig (Caerthe) KSCA (OUTLANDS); March 26, 1988
Robert of the Mountains (Caerthe) KSCA (OUTLANDS); September 1, 1989
Haroun ibn al-Dhi'b al-Abyadh (Dragonsspine) KSCA (OUTLANDS); September 16, 1989
Kevin MacKinnon (Unser Hafen) KSCA (OUTLANDS); September 17, 1989
Titus Claudius Severus (Unser Hafen) KSCA (OUTLANDS); October 4, 1992
Jurgen Peredur (Caerthe) KSCA (ATENVELDT); March 7, 1992
Giovanni di Sienna (Dragonsspine) KSCA (OUTLANDS); February 14, 1993
Irel Krist of Star Inn (Caer Galen) KSCA (OUTLANDS); May 28, 1993
Deotrich Hiltipard (Unser Hafen) KSCA (CALONTIR); February 26, 1994
Jalut Gaston de Navarre (Caer Galen) KSCA (OUTLANDS); October 1, 1994
Maelgwn McCain (Caerthe) MSCA (OUTLANDS); May 11, 1996
Nasr ibn 'Isa (Caer Galen) KSCA (OUTLANDS); May 11, 1996
Sekimura no Minamoto Akiranaga (Unser Hafen) KSCA OUTLANDS; July 19, 1997

Order Of The Laurel {40}

Albert von Dreckenveldt (Dragonsspine) Laurel (MIDDLE); October 4, 1975
Margaret of Griffin Tower (Caerthe) Laurel (ATENVELDT); June 6, 1976
Gabriel Rene Antoine du Renard (Caerthe) Laurel (ATENVELDT); May 28, 1979
Daffyd of Emmet (Caerthe) Laurel (ATENVELDT); January 5, 1980
Kay Delafleur (Dragonsspine) Laurel (EAST); April 12, 1980
Rowen Brithwallt (Caerthe) Laurel (ATENVELDT); May 26, 1980
Neala FitzNorman (Caerthe) Laurel (ATENVELDT); October 5, 1980
Robin Vinehall the Ambivalent (Caer Galen) Laurel (ATENVELDT); June 20, 1981
Katherine Linnet Holford (Caerthe) Laurel (ATENVELDT); November 21, 1981
Robert FitzNorman (Caerthe) Laurel (ATENVELDT); November 21, 1981
Keridwen Gwennmarch (Caerthe) Laurel (ATENVELDT); March 27, 1982
Selene of the Sky (Dragonsspine) Laurel (MIDDLE); March 28, 1982
Margot of Glamorgan (Dragonsspine) Laurel; June 1, 1985
Jeanne d'Aussay (Dragonsspine) Laurel (CAID); August 23, 1986

Vivien o Caer Blaiddiau (Caerthe) Laurel (OUTLANDS); January 3, 1987
Marisela de Broyde (Caer Galen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); March 21, 1987
Elizabeth Thornfield Freemountain (Caer Galen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); November 7, 1987
Garwed Cadburiensis (Unser Hafen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); January 2, 1988
Kiriel of Windhover Cliff (Caer Galen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); October 2, 1988
Patrick of the Quietwood (Caerthe) Laurel (OUTLANDS); May 28, 1989
Ava Trudine of Tregoenning (Caerthe) Laurel (ATLANTIA); May 5, 1990
Gwenyth Maeve of Falconguard (Dragonsspine) Laurel (OUTLANDS); May 5, 1990
Mirianna Wrenne of Ravenswood (Caerthe) Laurel (OUTLANDS); October 6, 1990
Aleen du Varnay (Caerthe) Laurel (OUTLANDS); January 5, 1991
Bernice of Brittany (Caer Galen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); March 1, 1991
Demetrios ho Bibliophilos (Dragonsspine) Laurel (OUTLANDS); June 29, 1991
Ariannah Rose of Bishop's Lynn (Caerthe) Laurel (OUTLANDS); September 1, 1991
Liobsynde Belhringere of AElfhaefen (Dragonsspine) Laurel (OUTLANDS); September 6, 1992
Sylvanus the Drummer (Caer Galen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); October 2, 1993
Rashiqah Amatulbarri bint Azhar al-Kahirawayyiah (Unser Hafen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); August 28, 1994
Drahomira Jaroslavna (Unser Hafen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); April 8, 1995
Tamlene ap Guidgen (Unser Hafen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); April 13, 1996
Douglas MacAndrew (Caerthe) Laurel (OUTLANDS); April 14, 1996
Elszebet Vorosvari (Bofharrach) Laurel (OUTLANDS); May 11, 1996
Thorfinn Greybeard (Unser Hafen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); May 11, 1996
Kathryn Brian Chevreuil (Caer Galen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); September 14, 1996
Mael Marden (Dragonsspine) Laurel (OUTLANDS); February 1, 1997
Crispin an Tulaich (Caerthe) Laurel (OUTLANDS); March 29, 1997
Lughbec ni Eoin (Unser Hafen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); October 11, 1997
Maximillian Steanbrycg (Caer Galen) Laurel (OUTLANDS); November 1, 1997

Order Of The Pelican {25}

Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne (Caerthe) Pelican (WEST); January 10, 1984
Katherine Linnet Holford (Caerthe) Pelican (ATEN); April 28, 1984
Bernice of Brittany (Caer Galen) Pelican (ATEN); March 2, 1985
Eric Edmundsson (Dragonsspine) Pelican (WEST); October 31, 1985
Elizabeth Demelza Felinnoir (Caer Galen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); October 5, 1986
Giovanni di Sienna (Dragonsspine) Pelican (OUTLANDS); May 23, 1987
Cassandra la Sable (Caerthe) Pelican (OUTLANDS); January 2, 1988
Elaina de Sinistre (Dragonsspine) Pelican (ATLANTIA); January 14, 1989
Ariel of Lindisfarne (Caer Galen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); May 6, 1989
Dirik Reverson (Caer Galen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); November 3, 1990
Roderick de Kane (Caerthe) Pelican (OUTLANDS); November 3, 1990
Fiachra ni Ciardhubhain (Caerthe) Pelican (WEST); December 15, 1990
Lambert de Sur (Dragonsspine) Pelican (OUTLANDS); February 19, 1994
Aurora Ashland of Woolhaven (Caerthe) Pelican (ATENVELDT); July 29, 1994
Francesca di Pavia (Caer Galen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); October 2, 1994
Elizabeth O'Byrne (Caer Galen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); January 7, 1995
Louis-Philippe Mitouard (Caer Galen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); February 4, 1995
Rhys Afalwin (Windkeep) Pelican (OUTLANDS); April 8, 1995
Walter Kempe of Falconhold (Caerthe) Pelican (OUTLANDS); November 11, 1995
Rosalind of Wellmark (Unser Hafen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); July 21, 1996
Katrine Vanora of Maidstone (Hinterland) Pelican (OUTLANDS); September 13, 1996
Aldyth Trefaldwyn (Windkeep) Pelican (OUTLANDS); February 1, 1997
Theresea die Tanzerin (Unser Hafen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); May 3, 1997
Brilliana de Montreau (Dragonsspine) Pelican (OUTLANDS); May 10, 1997
Leonora Kathryn de Provence (Unser Hafen) Pelican (OUTLANDS); February 14, 1998

A list of the Royal Peers of the Northern Outlands will appear in the next issue of The Norn.

Northern Outlands Events

June 6-7:	Dragonsspine Champions Tourney* Soiree in the Sage (Northwolde)*
June 13:	StagsCon II (Aarquelle)*
June 19-21:	Cattle Raid III (Bofharrach)* Aarquelle Defender*
June 27-28:	Banner Tourney (Windkeep)* Garage Sale Valhalla (Caerthe)*
July 3-5:	Highland Games (Caerthe)*
July 11-12:	Queen's Prize Tourney (Caerthe)*
July 17-19:	Glory (Unser Hafen)* SCA BOD Meeting (Caer Galen)*
July 25-26:	Feathers in the Wind (Windkeep)* Summer Faire (Caer Galen)*
August 1-2:	Caerthen Warlord * Unser Hafen Defender*
August 7-9:	Here There Be Dragons (Plattefordham)*
August 14-16:	Gatecrashers V (Dragonsspine)
August 21-22:	Dragon's Quest VII (Hinterland) Hawk's Hollow Defender
August 28:	Caerthen Populace Party
August 29:	Call of the Drum (Aarquelle)* Caerthen Collegium*
September 4-7:	Fields of Gold (Caerthe)*
September 12-13:	Outlands Crown Tournament

An asterisk (*) after the event indicates that there is an event article on the following pages.

Dragonsspine Champions Tourney

Dragonsspine, June 5-7, 1998

Fighters, fencers, archers, and combat archers come and test your skill against Dragonsspine's finest as we choose new Baronial Champions for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to compete, but only residents of Dragonsspine can hold the title of Baronial Champion. The site is once again Red Rocks Park, on Highway 67 in Teller County. This is a camping event. The site is **wet**, pets are allowed but they must be kept on leashes. Water is available on-site. There is a $2 site fee for adults and $1 for children 5-12 (under 5 free). Make checks payable to **SCA-Dragonsspine**.

Schedule (still subject to change): Site opens at 5pm Friday. After dark, the fencers may participate in a torch light tourney, and a bardic circle will be open. Target archery competition to determine the Ranger of the Dragon's Flight will start at 9am Saturday for any fighters who wish to shoot as well as fight. For those who are not fighters, the archery competition will be repeated later in the day. The heavy weapons list to choose the Dragonsspine Warlord will open at 10am and the tourney will begin at 11am THL Ceasan will run the heavy weapons tourney, and has declared that it is to be fought round robin with all weapon forms. A fencing Prize Tourney will also happen Saturday, time to be announced.

Their Majesties Hrothgar and Madigan will hold Court between 5 and 6pm on Saturday (although this is subject to TRM's whim). The investiture of the new Baron and Baroness of Dragonsspine will take place at this time. On Sunday the combat archery competition to select the Captain of the Dragon's Flight will open at 9am (some loaner gear is available for would-be combat archers). The Baronial Defender fencing list opens at 9:30am., and the tournament will begin at 10am. Site will close at 6pm Sunday. If you wish to volunteer to help in any capacity please contact the Autocrat.

Directions: From I-25, take exit 141 for US Highway 24 West. Head west on Hwy. 24, and continue on to the town of Woodland Park. Drive most of the way through town, and turn right on Hwy. 67 towards Deckers. After approximately 3.9 miles, turn right into Red Rocks Park and left into the site.

Autocrat: Lady Diana (Diana Bristol), 80 Jasper Drive, Security, CO 80911, 719-390-0868 **Co-autocrat:** Lady Cetharyne (Karen Jordan), 2010 Heatherdale Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80915, 719-572-5097

Soiree in the Sage

Northwolde/Unser Hafen, June 5 - 7, 1998

The Incipient Shire of Northwolde (sponsored by the Barony of Unser Hafen) presents Soiree in the Sage. Come join us for our first-ever event! The merriment will begin Friday, June 5th at 3pm and continues through Sunday, June 7th, when the site closes at noon. The site is private property near Keyhole State Park in Wyoming. This will be a camping event. The nearest inn is 10-15 miles away. The site is **primitive** with **no water available**, so please plan on **bringing your own drinking water!** Privies and hand washing facilities will be provided, unfortunately no showers are available. Due to the nature of the site, please do not bring any **beasts** with you, as we do not want to see someone lose a beloved pet to the local fauna. Anyone planning on building their own campfire should bring a fire extinguisher. Owing to the presence of stealth-cacti, we advise all attendees to wear closed-toe shoes

An Archery Tourney and a Fighter Tourney will highlight the day on Saturday. A Bardic Circle, dancing, and singing will highlight Saturday evening, after the feast, so bring your musical instruments, favorite minstrels in a box (we'll provide the box) and song books. We will provide a simple lunch Saturday afternoon and a Feast that evening. Anyone with special requirements for feast should contact the Feast Mistress well in advance. The site is **wet!**

Fees: For site, lunch and feast a mere $10! Site fee alone is $5, lunch is $1, and Feast is $4. Send reservations to the Event Steward or contact him with questions.

Directions: Take your best route to I-90, exit 165 (Keyhole State Park). Please be advised that there is massive highway construction going on in and around Gillette. Take exit 165 and turn north. Proceed approximately 1.75 miles on this road (you will be heading toward Keyhole). On the left (west) side of the road, you will see the entrance to a dirt road (marked with an SCA sign). Turn here (you will now be heading west). In approximately 3/10's of a mile, there will be another sign, indicating a turn to the left. You will reach the troll booth in about 1/10 of a mile. We will have SCA signs pointing the way starting at the interstate exits.

Event Steward: Lord Magnus (Dean Phares), 156 Westhills Loop, Gillette, WY, 82718, 307-685-1532, dphares@vcn.com **Feast Mistress:** Lady Liadain (Tracy Thallas), 56 Moran Ranch Rd, Rozet, WY 82727, 307-686-1254, hardcorps@vcn.com

StagsCon II

Aarquelle, June 13, 1998

The Shire of Aarquelle (Pueblo, CO) invites you to attend Stagscon II. On June 13 we will be holding StagsCon II with all officers, deputies, and interested Gentles invited and encouraged to attend. Kingdom Officers will meet with their local officers for training and good fellowship. Come learn what the officers do! All are welcome.

Agenda for StagsCon

9:00	Site opens
9:45	Opening Court
10:15	Kingdom Seneschal's opening remarks and the introduction of Kingdom Officers
10:30	Kingdom Officers Group Session Training
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Training: Kingdom Officers with Local Officers
3 - 3:15	Break
5:30	Closing Court
6:30	Site Closes

Fees: Site fee is $3 and box lunches will be available for purchase for $4 (there are local eateries near by). Maps will be provided on site. Make checks out to: **SCA Shire of Aarquelle**. All profits from the event will go to the Kingdom.

Site: Wesley United Methodist Church, 85 Stanford Ave. The site is a modern church and is **dry**. The site allows no pets! Except for SCA-legal martial arts weaponry, no weapons are allowed on site. Please leave your belt knife and dress sword at home.

There is limited crash space available, contact the Autocrat. Reservations are not required, but may be sent to the Autocrat. In the evening, after dinner on your own, there will be an evening revel (maps available at the daytime site). The evening site is wet, but no smoking inside. Bring your own drinks and snacks. This will be a great time to get to know your fellow officers better and to have some fun.

Directions: From I-25 make your best way to Pueblo, CO. Take the Central Avenue exit. Turn right at end of off ramp. Turn left at Northern. Continue on Northern about 2 to 2.5 miles. Then turn right on Lehigh. You will see two churches, go to the second church on the left (Wesley United Methodist Church, 85 Stanford).

Autocrat: Catelin O'Kelley, 2114 N. Greenwood, Pueblo, CO 81003, 719-544-5492, catelinokelley@juno.com

Known World Heraldic Symposium

Tir Ysgithr - Atenveldt, June 19-21, 1998

We invite you to brave the heat, and meet your fellow heralds this year in Tir Ysgithr at the 1998 Known World Heraldic Symposium!

Site: The Windmill Inn at St. Philip's Plaza (4250 N. Campbell) is one of the newest hotels in Tucson. Room rates are $65 for 1-2 people and $10 for each third and fourth person; tax is 7.5%. Reservations should be made through the hotel (800-547-4747). Please refer to our code "SCAKWHS" when making reservations so that your room can be blocked with the rest of the SCA group.

Registration and Schedule: Registration begins at 4pm Friday; check-in time for hotel rooms is also at 4pm. All are invited to join us for an informal mixer on Friday evening at 7pm. Classes will be held on Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm, and 2pm-5pm. The feast will start at 7:00 PM. The always popular, unfailingly educational, and sometimes downright silly College of Arms meeting will be held on Sunday morning.

Programming and Teachers: We are planning three-track programming, perhaps one in each area of heraldry, onomastics, and scribal arts. Please contact the autocrat if you would like to teach a class.

Feast: We are able to present a fine SCA feast prepared by the Cooks' Guild of Tir Ysgithr on Saturday evening at the hotel. It will be a Middle Eastern affair, in keeping with the climate. If you have allergies or other concerns, please contact the Autocrat.

Fees: Until June 15, site $12, feast $10; June 16 and later, site $15, feast $15. Please make checks payable to **Barony of Tir Ysgithr, SCA, Inc**. Note that hotel fees must be paid directly to the hotel.

Autocrat: Mistress Marta (Linda Miku), 2527 East 3rd Street, Tucson, AZ 85716, 520-881-9492, e-mail: bagbaazai@allegrosys.com

More detail is available from the Autocrat or at the event web site at:

http://kwhs.allegrosys.com

Aarquelle Defender Tourney

Aarquelle, June 20, 1998

The Shire of Aarquelle invites you to join us once again for our annual Defender tourney at Mineral Palace Park. There will be a tourney for both light and heavy weapons. The winner of each of these will win a prize courtesy of Lord Tiegr. Unlike previous years however, only the highest placing fighter from Aarquelle will be able to win the Defender title, however others may win the tourney and claim the prize. The heavy weapons tourney will be Bear Pit rounds with alternating weapons styles for each round. The light weapons will be fought Round Robin, but expect something a little unusual. There will be A&S classes including a class on origami frogs to be used in the Great Frogathon on site. To follow, a pot-luck feast with roast beef provided as the main course and the second portion of our great Croak-off, the Bi-cathafrog. For more information about the feast, please contact the Autocrat. If you are bringing a dish to the feast, please include a list of the ingredients. Volunteers and merchants are welcome, bards and dancing are encouraged, but we may not have an area appropriate for court dancing. The tourney site opens at 11am and the feast closes at midnight.

Fees: $3 for members, $4 for non-members, children 12 and under are free. All minors must be accompanied by a parent or a person with the proper signed, notarized papers. To eat at the feast, you must bring a dish to add to the feast. The tourney site is **bone dry**, but the feast site is wet. Pets on a leash are permitted at the tourney, but none at the feast please.

Directions to the Tourney: Pueblo. Take I-25 to the Santa Fe Avenue exit (99B), go right at Santa Fe (the first stoplight) and an immediate left on 15th to the stop sign, turn right on Court. Take the first entry into the park and bear right. The field is on the right, and parking is allowed along the curb. If the first entry is blocked, take the next right onto 19th then right again on Main, and follow the curve to the right.

Directions to the Feast: Take I-25 (north from the tourney field) to the Hwy. 50 west/Canon City exit (101) and head west. Follow the highway past 3 stop-lights and take the first right - across from Dominos Pizza - onto Ridge Dr., 2nd house on the right, 4004. Extra parking is available along North Dr., the first cross street behind the Forestry Service building.

Autocrat: Lady Audrey (Audrey Rogers), 4004 Ridge Dr., Pueblo, CO 81008, 719-545-3027, rogers@usa.net

Cattle Raid III
Bofharrach, June 19-21, 1998

Once again in the green pastures of Bofharrach there will be a weekend of frolic and fun as we celebrate that most loved animal of our canton, the cow! We will be playing in the same location as past years, the privately owned land east of Kersey. There will be fighting, fencing, archery, equestrians tourneys and Hawks Hollow will be joining us for a Sunday filled with melees. We will also be choosing a champion of Bofharrach, to be selected by a test of strength, wits, speed and athletic ability on the field of our version of the highland games. Some children's activities will be available. Court will be held at the whim of their Excellencies of Unser Hafen and/or any other visiting royalty.

His Grace Duke Olaf will be sponsoring a 24" round shield tourney on Saturday after the Equestrian tourney. The prize will be a hand made knife. The site is located 2 miles east of Kersey CO. Site will open at 12 noon on Friday, June 19th and closes at 5pm Sunday, June 21. This is a camping event.

Site restrictions: NO DOGS, NO OPEN FLAMES (there will be a well supervised bardic fire after the evening tourney Saturday night) NO ALCOHOL. There is no water on site so please plan to bring your own. Also remember that this site is located on river bottom land so the bugs can be bad, please remember your insect repellent as well as sunscreen and shade.

Directions: Take your best route to I-25 and exit 257-A (Greeley exit). Don't take the 257-B exit or you will end up in Loveland. Take US highway 34 East past Greeley. Stay on Highway 34 until you come to the small town of Kersey (approximately 40 miles from I-25). Just past the High School look for Weld county road 56 and turn left (north). Follow this road to the end, turn left, and follow the signs. The official address of the site is the Kielian property, 28011 US highway 34, Kersey, CO. (In case of flooding we will again have Mr. Doughman's pasture for the alternate site.)

Fees: The site fee is $5 for adults and $2 for children under 12. If you come for just the day the site fee $2. Make checks payable to **SCA-Bofharrach**, and please note which fees you are paying. There will be no feast this year, however there will be a meal available Saturday afternoon. Also there will be a list of markets, restaurants, and hotels available at the troll booth.

The Equestrian tourney fee will be $8 per rider; you must be an authorized rider and a paid member of the SCA to ride. If you will be bringing a horse, you **must** make **advance** reservations with the Autocrat. Free pasture is available but you must bring your own method of confinement. If you wish to ride, but do not have your own horse, please contact the autocrat to see if there will be horses available. The Equestrian tourney will be held Saturday morning, under the supervision of Lady Thorhalla, starting at 9am SHARP to avoid the heat, if you are not there on time we will start without you. We will also be holding a fund raiser to benefit the Kingdom Equestrian Guild. You can have your picture taken on a fully caparisoned horse for a small fee! Take it home and show it off to all your friends and family!

Autocrats: Moyra and Lorcan MacColla (Jeanne and Lauren MacColla) 21216th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631, 970-352-9017, e-mail: maccolla@info2000.net

ALL children MUST be accompanied by an adult, we will not be responsible for unsupervised children.

A Meeting of the SCA Board of Directors
Caer Galen, July 18, 1998

On Saturday, July 18, 1998 at 9am, the Shire of Caer Galen is pleased to host the Third Quarter meeting on the SCA Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at the Raintree Plaza Hotel, 1900 Ken Pratt Boulevard, Longmont, CO. All are welcome to come observe the meeting and see how the SCA works at the Corporate level.

This is a business meeting - modern clothing is appropriate. In the evening there will be a dessert revel and reception for the Board members and Corporate officers. This will be an SCA event, in garb. At press time the site for this revel was yet to be finalized. For more information, contact Maestra Francesca di Pavia, 303-581-9814, email: francesca@caer-galen.outlands.sca.org

Banner Tourney
Windkeep, June 27, 1998

Good gentles of the Outlands, Harken! The Shire of Windkeep invites all to attend our annual Banner Tourney to be held on Saturday, June 27, 1998 from 10am 'til 3pm. Valiant fighters will contest on the field with an Outlands Banner as the prize for the most flamboyant and chivalrous fighter in the lists (there will probably be a prize for the winner too, but SHOWMANSHIP is what counts). There will also be prizes for best death, best bereavement, as well as a contest for the best banner. Fencers are welcome. In order to enter the list, you must present a banner to the Mistress of the Lists and display it on the field. The banner doesn't have to be your own. The banner can display personal arms, historical arms, or be just plain decorative. HERALDRY COUNTS. Fanfares and demonstrations before combat are encouraged.

This tournament is held in conjunction with Cheyenne SUPERDAYS 98, which is an entertainment, demonstration, and craft fair held by the City of Cheyenne. It routinely draws 20,000 visitors each year. We ask all gentles to wear their finest tourney garb, bring their pavilions, music, and arts displays, and show off the best of what our Society has to offer. There will be dancing for all interested, and an Arts and Sciences pavilion where artisans are encouraged to display and demonstrate their abilities.

Tourney Site: The grassy area adjacent to the Cheyenne Botanical Gardens in Lions Park. Take the Central Avenue exit from I-25 and follow the signs to SUPERDAYS. The site will open at 8am and close generally after 3pm. Please arrive early enough so that armor inspection can begin at 10am with the tourney beginning at 10:30am.

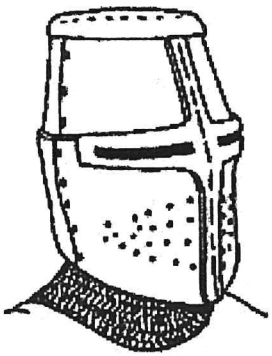
General Information: The Tourney site is **dry!** Pets must be on a leash, and under your immediate control. There is a lake very near, so please keep track of your children as well. Merchants are welcome with the following restriction. You **must** contact the Autocrat for space, and you can only sell to SCA people. If you wish to sell to non-SCA people, a city merchant's license is required.

You will be allowed to park along side the site on Carey Avenue to unload, but you must move your vehicle immediately after unloading. Parking will be available in the lots adjacent to SUPERDAYS. (Tell the parking attendant you are part of the entertainment.) The earlier you come, the better (closer) the parking. Crash space is available, and Master Rhys has also offered his lands to camp out on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please contact the Autocrat directly if you are interested.

Feast: Immediately after the day's activities, a revel and feast will be held at the Gazebo in Lyons park. The cooks of Windkeep will be providing culinary delights to satisfy both stomach and soul. The feast site is discretely wet with beer and wine allowed in period containers. Please contact the Autocrat for additional feast information or concerns.

Fees: Site and feast $6, site only $1, children half price. Please contact the Autocrat for feast reservations and information. Make checks payable to: **SCA - Windkeep.**

Autocrat: Master Rhys Afalwin (Larry Hammons), 10700 Ranch Road, Cheyenne, WY, 82009, 307-632-1133, MasterRhys@aol.com



Unto all armorers, or gentles interested in the craft of the armorer,
AElfraed Hawkmoon of House Hawkmoon Armory sends Greetings!

I am interested in starting an Armorer's Guild for the Northern Outlands. This would be a group to share interest in the craft of the Armorer, and to promote the making of both SCA combat armor, and historically correct armor. As a Guild, we would share patterns, discuss resources, teach techniques, and promote the idea of 'looking good' in armor. The guild would work towards supporting different levels of recognized skill, such as 'apprentice', 'journeyman', and 'master', based upon the ability to both produce SCA legal combat armor and to recreate historical armor. If interested, please contact Lord AElfraed Hawkmoon by postal mail (M. Baden, 1818 Cody Avenue, Casper WY 82604), by phone (307-265-9306 evenings), or by e-mail: mbaden@missc.state.wy.us.

Caerthen Highland Games

Caerthe, July 3-5, 1998

Greetings one and all. On the 4th of July weekend a new Caerthen tradition will be born. On this weekend the mountains of Buffalo Creek will resound with the wail of bagpipes and the yells of those crazy Scotsmen and women as they pit their strength against such adversaries as the mighty caber, the formidable hammer, the deceptive sheaf, and all of their brothers. For those of you wish to stay clear of this battle there will be a selection of classes from the great teachers of the Outlands to choose from, and merchants to visit when you are not watching this spectacle of strength. Following the day's event will be a most excellent feast immediately after Court. After the feast the night air will be filled with the song, music, stories, and dancing of the Ceilidgh (bardic) Competition. Bards and musicians come prepared to flaunt your talents.

Space is limited to 50 for feast so reservations are necessary. Please make reservations soon. However, payment can be made, and is preferred, at the site. Reservations for site will also be accepted. All reservations can be made in person, by phone, or by e-mailing the SCA and mundane names of all people, number of people, feast and/or site, adult or child (12 or under), phone number and/or e-mail for confirmation, and any comments to the Autocrat listed below. Also see the Canton of Hawks Hollow homepage at http://www.hawkshollow.org for more information and a list of merchants, a map to the site, and a link to the reservation address. The site will open at noon on Friday the 3rd of July and close on Sunday the 5th after Closing Court (about 2pm). There is potable water but please bring some of your own just in case. The site is wet.

Remember, to compete in the games you must first be authorized by the Autocrat prior to the event. Contact the Autocrat for practice details. **Competition** and **classes** will begin at 10am and run until 3pm or until completion, with a lunch break from noon to 1pm. Parking is limited and is at the bottom of the campground so unload time is asked to be quick. Also, once the competition has started on Saturday at 10am there will be no vehicles allowed up the road so please arrive on Friday or early on Saturday. No formal events are scheduled on Sunday unless the competition is not completed on Saturday.

Site: $7, 12 and under: $3.50. **Family site fee cap:** $21. **Feast:** $5. Make checks payable to: **SCA Caerthe**. Send reservations to the Autocrat.

Directions: Meadows Campground - Take US Highway 285 South to Pine Junction. At this point, you are actually traveling west, so turn South (left) onto Jefferson County Road 126. Go 15 miles to Buffalo Creek, turn right on Forest Road 550 and go 5 more miles to the site. It is approximately one hour SW of Denver. Look for signs.

Planned feast: Beef Steaks, Cold Spiced Chicken, Scotch Eggs, Cheeze Tarts, Beans Fried with Onion, Pea Soup, Troy Crem, Scons, Breads & Butter, Barley Cakes, and a Cool Spicy Drink.

Autocrat: Lord Ivan Alsander (Chris Korin) 5525 Saulsbury Ct., Arvada, CO 80002, (303) 940-7746, MacIvan@aol

Chef de Cuisine: Lady Stasia (Christy Korin) Christasia@aol.com (same address and phone as autocrat)

Merchants: For a tithe we are offering **free** site for two. Please contact THL Roland (Rob Hatcher), 797 Dillon Way #108, Aurora, CO 8001, 303-341-5765

The Valhalla of Garage Sales III

June 26th-28th (Friday- Sunday) 5525 Saulsbury Court, Arvada, CO

Good gentles, time once again to dig into your closets, delve into your basements, and explore your garages for mundane items that you can donate to raise much needed funds. The benefactors of this years sale will be: The Barony of Caerthe, the Canton of Hawks Hollow, and the Land sub-committee of the Building Fund. The site will once again be at the home of Lord Ivan and Lady Stasia. There will be a barbecue lunch available (for a paltry sum) to all volunteers who bring a side dish to share on Saturday and Sunday. There will once again be a 20% donation minimum area for those who wish to only give a portion of the proceeds from their most welcome items. Donations can be dropped off at populace meetings, fighter practices, and either Roland's or Ivan's homes (with prior notification). **Contacts:** Roland 341-5765 or Ivan and Stasia 940-7746. Thank you for your support!

Queens Prize Tournament IV
Caerthe, July 11-12, 1998

The Queen's Prize Tournament has a two-fold purpose:

1. To introduce Novices and their skills to the general populace.
2. To foster the relationship between The Peerage and potential students.

Queen's Prize was founded to facilitate communication between different levels of skill in the Arts and Sciences. The best way to do this is to provide a nurturing environment where novices can receive pearls of wisdom, and information to improve their craft.

Queen's Prize is an event where the populace can experience a wide variety of period works not normally seen at other events, and have the opportunity to give positive response to the artisans.

In addition to the "official" judging and critiquing, the populace is highly encouraged to give prizes or tokens to the entrant(s) of their choice. Each entry will have a container for the populace to leave tokens in.

The feast will be a cold luncheon buffet containing cold sliced chicken, Bartholemus beef, spiced mustard, breads, pickled eggs, marinated cheese, fruit pies, fresh fruit and vegetables w/spiced dip.

Site: The site is the Lowell Thomas Building on the Park Hill Campus of the University of Denver (this is **not** the main campus). It is at 1900 Olive Street, Denver, CO 80220. It is discreetly wet (beer, wine, ale, no hard liquor). No pets are allowed.

Fees: The site fee is $6. It covers both days and includes lunch on Saturday. Please make checks payable to: **SCA - Barony of Caerthe.**

Directions: Take your best route to I-25 in Denver, CO. Follow it to I-70. Take I-70 east to Quebec. Turn south (right) on Quebec and proceed to Montview. Turn west (right) on Montview to Olive. Turn south (left) on Olive. The Lowell Thomas Building (a modern brown brick structure) will be on the left. Park in the two large parking lots shown on the map.

Visit the Queen's Prize Tournament web site at:
`http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/2456`

Autocrat: Countess Ileana Voldysegi (Helen Patton), 6058 Simmons Dr., Boulder, CO 80301, 303-499-9220 ask for Helen, `ileanav@juno.com`

Reservations and Entries: THL Isabeau d'Avignon (Betsy Ray), 8352 Flower Court, Arvada, CO 80005-2227, 303-403-0602, `isabeau.d.avignon@juno.com`

Chef de Cuisine: THL Gabrielle Cartier (Cheryl Ann Baker), 1645 Valentia, Denver CO. 80220, 303-394-4003

Sponsor/Entrant Coordinator: Mistress Brilliana (Lori Harper), 110 Bonfoi Ave #204, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, 719-636-5127, `brilliana@aol.com`

Crash Space: THL Wyndylyn (Jean Hortman), 303-680-1583, `tjhortman@earthlink.net`

Schedule

Thursday, June 25th

Pre-registration ends

Saturday, July 11th

9am	Site Opens
10am	Judging begins
noon	Lunch break
1pm	Performing arts
2pm	Judging continues
4pm	Judging ends
5pm	Court

Sunday, July 12th

9am	Heavy fighting followed by Fencers

Schedule is subject to change; see the web site for updates.

Queens Prize Tournament IV

Entry Pre-registration Form

Entrant:

Name(SCA): _____

Name(Common): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Sponsor:

Name(SCA): _____

Name(Common): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Area(s) of experience: _____

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Approximate size and description of entry:

Comments:

Note: Only tables and chairs will be provided for displays. Space will be made available for other display types (easels, dress forms, etc.).

Glory - Feats of Heroes
Unser Hafen, July 17-19, 1998

The Barony of Unser Hafen invites gentles from far and wide to partake of a unique mixture of fighting and merriment, song and swords, as we transform the Pawnee Grasslands into the Current Middle Ages. Team melees, heavy fighter games and tourneys, rapier and archery tourneys will be matched with war drums competition, select classes, and bardic circles to make the weekend of July 17-20 an experience for the ages. Activities for the younger gentles will include a boffer tourney as well as the chance to have a chivalrous warrior wear their favor and fight for their honor. The Hungry Heroes Inn will feature fine foods for famished fighters at reasonable prices (with late night milk & cookies for the young at heart). Fight till you drop, and revel where you fall!

The site is wet (period containers preferred). Drinking water, toilets in permanent structures, good shade, and excellent campsites abound. The number of camping sites is limited, so reservations are strongly suggested. (No limits on day-trippers.) Fires must be contained and above ground, and drumming must cease at 10pm. Dogs and other pets must remain leashed at all times. Be prepared for instant weather changes, and insect repellent may be a good idea.

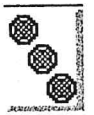
Site fee: Adults $9 for the entire event, children under 12 are $4, under 5 years of age are free. Day passes for Saturday or Sunday are available for $5 per day.

Hungry Heroes Inn: Meal plan for adults: 3 heroic meals on both Saturday and Sunday, with late night snack included, is only $15 (a bargain at twice the price!). Children under 12 can have a smaller portioned meal plan for $10. Plan on bringing your own feast gear, washing stations will be available. If you want the Inn to supply your plates, utensils, and cups, these will be available for a modest additional fee. *A la carte* meals, food items, and meatless meals will also be available for a nominal ($3 or under) fee. If you plan on purchasing the meal plan, please call the autocrats to let us know so that we can amply stock the Inn. Those with dietary restrictions or meatless preferences are especially requested to call.

Directions: Take I-25 to Fort Collins, Exit 269A (in Unser Hafen). Go east on Highway 14 past Ault to mile marker 176 and turn left. Almost immediately you will turn left again into the site entrance. Site opens at noon on Friday, July 17 and closes at noon on Monday, July 20. The extra evening should provide ample time for hordes of N.S.T.I.W. stories and relaxed camaraderie.

Autocrats: Gwilim de Glamorgan & Galiana Fitzwilliam (Mike & Debie Lambert); 1506 Welch St., Fort Collins, CO 80524; 970-407-1283; mlambert@frii.com

Merchants are welcome and encouraged! No fees will be charged other than the standard site fee. Contact Lord Owain ap Maredudd (Charles Buckley); 900 Bitterbrush Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80526; 970-282-8987; buckley@colorado.edu



Ladies Terrorist and MahJongg Society of Dragonsspine
June 20th and July 11th

You don't have to be a Lady or a Terrorist to join with us to learn this wonderful, very period, Asian game. We meet from 2pm until 10pm at the home of Mistress Elaina and usually break sometime around sixish for a pot luck dinner. Instruction is provided, home-printed Mah Jongg money is provided, and hangers-on and kibbitzers are welcome. (It's also a great time to check out Kay and Elaina's library and pattern collection...) The June meeting will be held **Sunday, June 20th** and the July meeting will be held **Sunday, July 11th**. Phone ahead for more information (although there really isn't any more...) to Elaina at 719-522-0484.

Directions: Take I-25 to the Woodmen Road exit (Exit 149) and go west for six stoplights. Turn right on Allegheny Drive and follow the road uphill over six speedbumps. "1245" is the third house on the left after the last speedbump. Arms are on the mailbox.

Feathers in the Wind

Windkeep, July 24-26, 1998

Grab your bow, pack your camping gear and come join the Shire of Windkeep for a weekend of and about archery, in the beautiful mountains of the Northern Outlands. Never shot archery before? It's fun, easy, and we will have teachers and equipment on hand to help you learn. For those who like tradition, IKAC and Royal Rounds will be offered. We hope to have many challenging and unique shoots. Clout shoots, wand shoots, roving shoots, and aerial shoots are all planned. Archery Marshals, we need your help. To help, or if you have suggestions, please contact the Autocrat.

Fighters, melees, and other challenges will be offered as they leap from the fertile mind of Lord Bjarki. How about an escort tourney or a quest? In addition, the Windkeep Defender Tournament will be held at the direction of the Autocrat, who is also the reigning Defender. All entrants are welcome, although only the highest placing Windkeep fighter will claim the title. Ttry your hand at combat and target archery. Classes will be offered on various archery subjects and an archery Arts and Sciences competition will be held.

Site fee: $10 per person, includes two nights stay at Laramie County College's outdoor camp. ($5 for children 5-12, children under 5 free.)The site opens at 4pm Friday and closes at 4pm Sunday. Reservations requested for planning purposes. Reservations to Mistress Aldyth.

Feast: Mistress Aldyth will cook a full feast Saturday night at a cost of $5 per person. Paid reservations required by July 20th. Make checks payable to **SCA - Windkeep**. Additionally, a 'meal plan' is available for breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday morning, and lunch on Saturday. The feast and the 'meal plan' are **by paid reservation only**. Contact Mistress Aldyth for 'meal plan' price and availability.

Restrictions: Dogs **must** be leashed and attended at all times (there are deer on site). Fires are restricted to established fire pits. Water is not available on site, so please bring your own.

Directions: Take I-80 to Buford, Wyoming. Turn north and follow the signs. (about 3 miles to the LCCC Camp).

Autocrat: Lord Duncan MacAllister (Eric Schooley), 900 E. 6th St., Cheyenne, WY, 82007, 307-637-5293, LoneWlf@aol.com **Reservations and Feast**: Mistress Aldyth Trefaldwyn, 10700 Ranch Road, Cheyenne, WY, 82009, 307-632-1133, Aldyth@aol.com

Summer Faire

Caer Galen, July 24-26, 1998

Caer Galen invites you to join them July 25 and 26 for Summer Faire. The site will open at 5 pm on Friday July 24 and close at 6 pm on Sunday July 26. Saturday will feature a heavy weapons tournament and both days will have shopping, singing, equestrian events, and fencing.

This is a camping event. There will be no feast. There is no on site water. Parking is very limited. All pets must be leashed at all times. You cannot leave your pet in your car due to the heat. All children must be under adult supervision at all times. The site is wet. There is some shade. There will be privies on site.

On Saturday a *Pas d'Arms* to select the Caer Galen Defender will be the centerpiece of the event. This will be a period style tournament with an emphasis on authenticity and style, rather than simple skill at arms. Combat will be judged by a jury of ladies from a raised viewing gallery. To please the eye of the crowd, fighters should prepare a fighting tunic or surcoat -for information on period tournaments contact the autocrat.

Site fees: $7 for both days for anyone over 8 years old. Eight and younger are free. There is a $3 parking fee. Merchants are asked to donated an item to be given as prizes for the tournaments. Make checks payable to: **SCA - Caer Galen**. Please send reservations to the Autocrat. Merchants should contact the Autocrat in advance.

Directions from the north: Take I-25 south to Hwy. 52. Go west on Hwy. 52 to Hwy. 287. Turn south (left) on Hwy. 287 to Lookout Road (it's the next traffic light). Turn west (right) on Lookout road to 75th at the 3-way stop. Turn south (left) on 75th and go past Jay road, turn east (left) onto Windover Cliff (a long one-lane dirt driveway/ road). **Directions from the south:** Take I-25 north to Hwy. 7, with is north of Denver. Turn west on Hwy. 7 which becomes Baseline Road. Continue west on Baseline to 75th. Turn north (right) on 75th and go past Valmont Road. Turn east (right) on to Windover Cliff.

Autocrat: Lady Kiara Loftus (Therese Hofheins-Losh), 8786 Niwot Rd, Niwot, CO 80503, 303-652-8092, lost@village.org **Equestrian info:** Ann DeAnjou (Carol Hiesterman), 303-443-4275. **Tournament Info:** Master Maximillian (Joe Campanella), 303-545-5473 campanel@rastro.Colorado.EDU

Caerthen Warlord

Caerthe, July 31 - August 2, 1998

On July 31, 1998 at the Pickle Gulch Campground near Blackhawk, Colorado, a Caerthen tradition continues. The Barony of Caerthe is calling forth all Fighters, Fencers, and Archers to come and prove their skill and prowess in these Arts on the fields of Combat and Honor. Only Caerthens may be chosen as the successors to the Warlord, Premier Blade, and the Archery Warden, however all are eligible to enter and win the tournaments. Caerthens vying for the three positions should have a prepared processional complete with a Herald, should they prove victorious. Sunday there will be ferocious melees that will test the skills of all!

Caerthe's Consort of Honor, Keturah, is planning fantastic and fun battle scenarios to take place before Sunday's melee round, and where **consorts** get to participate with a fighter, fencer, and an archer. Caerthens, to hold the position of Warlord, Premiere Blade, or Archery Warden you must subscribe to *The Fortress*.

On Saturday evening, a Grand Feast will be held immediately following Court. The menu as planned: Grilled Brisket of Beast, Grilled Poultry, Maize (a New World delicacy), Glazed Carrots, Potato Wedges in Marinade (another New World delicacy). Those with serious diet restrictions are encouraged not to feast.

Mark your calendars now to attend this grand Caerthen event. There is limited space available, only 150 for the site and 50 for the Feast, so reservations are necessary. Reservations are being accepted online at the Warlord website, or by phone, until we are full or until July 19th. **Please make sure your reservations are in on time!** Merchants are welcome, contact the Autocrats for information! The site will open at 5 pm on Friday, and close on Sunday after Closing Court (about 3 pm) This is a camping event and it is a wet site. There is potable running water on site and permanent restrooms.

Prices: Site: $7.00, 12 and under: $3.50, Feast: $4.00. To mail your reservation, make your check out to: **SCA-Caerthe**, and send to the Autocrat.

Autocrat: Talan Mawr (Rich Solomon), 1488 S. Bahama Street, Aurora, CO 80017, 303-368-8465 **Co-Autocrats:** Lord Ivan (Chris Korin), 5525 Saulsbury Court., Arvada, CO 80002, 303-940-7746 and THL Roland, 303-341-5765

Event website: `http://www.rmac.net/~rds/warlord`

Unser Hafen Defender

Unser Hafen, July 31 - August 2, 1998

The Champions of Unser Hafen would welcome you to the annual Unser Hafen Defender and Champions Tournaments. Three Tournaments will be held to determine the next Defender, Protector, and Warden of Unser Hafen. This year's theme will be Pageantry and Honor. In each tournament, entrants will be required to address their Excellencies, the current Champion, and your Opponent. Between rounds I am expecting entertainment. My goal is to make the tournaments similar to those in period such that they were entertainment for the gathered nobility. Be sure to bring lots of shade and cool drinks to surround the tournament fields. Gentles from both within and without the Barony of Unser Hafen are welcome to participate.

The Defender Tournament will be fought *a' plaisance* (with blunted weapons and no thrusting). To further prove the combatants skill and diversity, no shields of any sort will be allowed. Any fighter who stabs or thrusts another opponent is automatically disqualified. There will be no exceptions. A double list will be run, but further details depend upon the number of entrants. Protector tournament will be run by Lord Moien Glyndwr. The Warden tournament will be run by Lord Aonghus Lochlainn.

The site for the event is Pawnee National Grasslands. The site will open Friday July 31 at 4 p.m. The site features permanent toilets, running water, and fires in permanent fire pits only. All animals must be leashed please. A more precise schedule will be announced next month.

Entertainers: Please contact Lord Tuman. We are looking for entertainment between rounds. It should be something short and simple. Anything from juggling to singing. It need not be perfect, just entertaining and in a period style. We hope to see everyone participate in some way in this regard.

Feast: This year, the champions themselves will prepare a Russian style feast for Saturday evening. Cost is $5 per person. Make checks payable to: **SCA - Unser Hafen**.

Directions: Take I-25 to Exit 269-A. Go east on Highway 14 (past Ault) to mile marker 176 and turn left. Turn left again at the cattle crossing.

Autocrat: Lord Tuman Elnikov (Tony Scott), 2409 Poplar Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521, 970-484-1087, tscott@ezlink.com

Here There Be Dragons
Plattefordham, August 7-9,1998

Hear ye, Hear ye! The populace of Plattefordham invite all to our fair Shire for a weekend of feasting, fighting, and fun. Participate in the heavy weapons tourney, archery, bardic, and A&S competition to see how many dragons you can take home. Categories for A&S include Fiber, Functional, and Visual Arts. Documentation is not required; only one entry per category. Bardic will be conducted during the feast.

Classes will be offered on a variety of subjects. If you would like to teach a class, contact Lady Mavis. Activities for children will run throughout the weekend, including an A&S competition for those 12 and under. The same rules as the adult competition will apply.

Prepaid reservations **before August 1st** are $6 for site, $9 for feast. **After August 1st** fees will be $7 for site and $10 for feast. Children ages 5 and under are free. Children ages 12 - 6: $3 site and $4.50 feast. Merchants are welcome, and a fee of $10 will reserve a spot and cover one adult site fee. Make checks payable to: Shire of Plattefordham, SCA Inc.

Feast will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday evening followed by a dessert auction. The menu and ingredients will be posted at the site. If you have dietary restrictions, contact the Autocrat or Assistant Autocrat.

The site is Edness Wilkins State Park, four miles east of Casper, WY. This is a discreetly wet site (period containers, please). On site there is potable water, permanent toilets, and a goodly amount of shade. Swimming is available in the pond and fishing (with a Wyoming permit) at the river. Fires must be contained, no open flames are permitted. Children must be supervised at all times.

Directions: Take your best route to Casper, exit I-25 at Hat Six Road (Exit 182). Follow the signs to the park; follow the road around to the pavilion we will be using. SCA signs will be posted.

Autocrat: Caitlin Delaney Rogan (Sandra Porter), (307) 237-2128, Caitlan@caspers.net
Reservations: Lady Airmid (Randi Price), 1463 1/2 South Fenway, Casper, WY, 82601, (307) 237-2784
Chefs de Cuisine: Dob (Robert Booth, Jr.), (307) 266-1884, and Godfrey (James Lukenbach), (307) 577-9173
Instructor Coordinator: Lady Mavis Reynebaud (Joy Marsh), (307) 237-1795, jmarsh@trib.com

Call of the Drum
Aarquelle, August 29, 1998

Please note that August 29th IS the correct date, but you may see this event listed incorrectly for August 2nd.

The call of the drum is sounding once again and we encourage you to follow its irresistible lure to our fair Shire. If you have a skill for dancing, drumming, music, garb, or anything else related to middle eastern dance, plan to show up to this event. Those wishing to teach these skills to others, please contact me right away. I have need of instructors, and if you would like to run a class, I need to know early on. There will be copies of a dancers' directory listing teachers, performers, musicians, merchants, artisans, and costumers handed out at this event free of charge. If you want to be added to this directory, please send me all your information at least two weeks before the event. I will need your name - SCA and modern, a listing of what you wish to be known for, and how to contact you. If you have a business flyer, send it. If I am not given the information in advance, I will be unable to put you in until next year, so please be early.

At the last Call of the Drum, I had several offers from kind gentles to bring middle-eastern dishes for the feast and regretfully I had to turn them down since we had a planned feast. This time I am holding a pot luck feast with a middle eastern theme and an odd request. All those wishing to bring a dish, please send me the recipe in advance - again, at least two weeks - so that we can make a cookbook. We will be selling copies of this cookbook at the event to raise money for our Shire. The recipes do not have to be strictly period, or even in period format, although if it is, please add the translation. You do not have to send a recipe to bring food for the feast, but please bring a list of ingredients for those with allergies. The idea behind this event is to celebrate middle-eastern dance and culture. Please bring something to put on our A&S display table to show off your work or perhaps resource materials for those interested in research and patterns. All items from the display must be collected at the end of the event.

Autocrat: Lady Audrey la Solitaire (Audrey Rogers), 4004 Ridge Dr., Pueblo, CO 81008, (719) 545-3027, rogers@usa.net

Performing Arts/Culinary Competition And Collegium

Caerthe, August 29, 1998

Come one and all to celebrate the arts of food, drink, song and story! The site is the South Denver Church of God, 2300 South Marion Street in Denver, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Classes & competition schedules will be announced at a later date. The feast will consist of "Foods of the Bards: Dishes From Song & Story". This is a damp site (beer and wine in period containers only), and smoking is not permitted. Those who would like to teach or judge, please contact Mistress Vivien o Caer Blaiddiau (Patricia Yarrow), 2465 S. Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80210, 303-777-6759

Fees: $4 site, $6 feast (before July 1), $7 thereafter. Please make checks out to: SCA - Caerthe.

Autocrat: Mistress Rowen Brithwallt (Debra Grove), 2465 S. Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80210, (303) 777-6759

Reservations: Lady Kseniya (Melissa Morman), 4725 W Quincy Ave #1513, Denver, CO 80236

Chef de Cuisine: Lady Gwen o Caer Blaiddiau, 2465 S. Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80210, (303) 777-6759. Please contact Lady Gwen if you have food allergies or restrictions.

Field of Gold Tourney

Unser Hafen, September 4-7, 1998

One and all are invited to attend this year's Field of Gold Championship Weekend hosted in the Barony of Unser Hafen by the Northern Outlands. The current Grand Champion, Lord Padric, challenges all those who think of themselves as truly excellent in many avenues; Heavy weapons, Rapier, Archery, and Bardic or Visual A&S, to compete for the title, "The Lord High Protector of the Field of Gold." This year we will also have champions for heavy, light, archery and A&S.

Fees: Only $10 for the weekend ($5 for teens; children under 12, free). Please make checks to **SCA Unser Hafen**. Camping sites must be reserved in advance.

Reservations: Mistress Theresea (Terry Foppe), 622 Whedbee, Ft. Collins, CO. 80525, 970-482-6608 email tmf15@aol.com

Site opens at 4pm Friday. (Closes at noon on Monday.) Saturday/Sunday: Fighting: 3 heavy weapons, 3 fencing and 3 archery shoots, one each sponsored by the Baronies of Caerthe, Dragonsspine and Unser Hafen. Two of each of these tourneys will run on Saturday morning. Saturday and Sunday afternoons will be filled with melee action. The third heavy, fencing, and archery event will be on Sunday morning. There will be a variety of small events run throughout the weekend for the fun of all, such as bocce ball, croquet, etc. There will be a mini-Field of Gold Championship Challenge for the children with boffer, bardic, and archery with a junior Champion.

The true glory shall be for the gentle proclaimed the "Lord High Protector of the Field of Gold." In addition to honor and riches beyond measure, they will also have the privilege of naming the Consort of Love and Beauty, both to reign for a year and a day in immeasurable grandeur and splendor. For any and all with the courage, skill, and valor to compete for this singular honor, prepare now to meet the challenge.

Arts: There will be a variety of classes to enlighten the mind. The same classes will be held on Saturday and Sunday, so you do not have to miss a thing. Saturday during the day will be the Field of Gold Visual A&S competition, and Saturday night will be the Field of Gold Bardic Challenge. Sunday night will be meet with the site and sounds of the middle east with a drumming and dancing party. **Court:** Court will be held at their Majesties whim and each of the Baronies will sponsor a court throughout the weekend. The Golden Processional and Grand Court will be held Sunday afternoon. **Food:** Bring your bowls and your appetite for a FREE feast of stews, bread, and desserts, donated by the groups of the northern Outlands. **Merchants:** All merchants are welcome for a tithe or donation to the event. **Site restrictions and amenities:** The site is wet. All pets must be leashed. September 1st is dove hunting season, and it will be important to keep all pets and children out of the brush. (The campground is a no hunting area.)

Autocrat: Sir Akira (Darrick Hildman) (970)498-0798, 2519 S. Shields, 1k-186, Ft. Collins, CO. 80526, email: hildman@mailexcite.com

Directions: From I-25 at Fort Collins take exit 269a (Hwy. 14) east 35 miles through Ault to Road 77 at mile marker 176. Turn left on Road 77 and go a short 1/4 mile to the first gate on the left. Turn in and that road leads directly to the site, Crow Creek Campground, at Briggsdale.

Driving Distances in the Northern Outlands

Compiled by Lord Aelfraed Hawkmoon

	AR	BF	CG	CA	DR	DB	HI	PL	UH	WK
Aarquelle (AR)		175	139	111	43	258	321	385	175	211
BoFharrach (BF)	175		55	64	133	100	158	225	31	50
Caer Galen (CG)	139	55		27	97	138	201	265	47	91
Caerthe (CA)	111	64	27		70	146	209	274	64	100
Dragonspine (DR)	43	133	97	70		216	279	343	133	169
Duthaich Beinne Aird (DB)	258	100	138	146	216		161	147	64	52
Hinterland (HI)	321	158	201	209	279	161		173	153	111
Plattefordham (PL)	385	225	265	274	343	147	173		217	175
Unser Hafen (UH)	175	31	47	64	133	64	153	217		44
Windkeep (WK)	211	50	91	100	169	52	111	175	44	

From **Aarquelle** south to **Rio de la Animas Perdidas** 270 to **Drygestan** 276
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